



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Examiner: Meller, Michael V.
Jinhua AN, <i>et al.</i>)	Art Unit: 1654
Application Serial No. 10/019,004)	Confirmation No. 5123
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

The present communication is a Preliminary Amendment accompanying a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) and is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 26, 2003 (Paper No. 11). A Notice of Appeal, accompanied by a fee for extension of time of two months, was timely filed on November 5, 2003.

The present RCE and Preliminary Amendment and Response are timely filed within two months of the filing of the Notice of Appeal.

Please amend the claims as indicated and consider the arguments and remarks below.